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## Seventy Years of History.---1833-1903

The First Baptist Church of Chicago.

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Chapter IX. Dr. Henson's Pastorate---1882-1902. Concluded.

Dr. Henson's pastorate of the First Church, began March 1, 1882. At the close of the first seven years March 1, 1889, grateful reference was made to this anniversary at the covenant meeting. Dr. W. M. Haigh led in reminiscences and suggestions, which greatly helped all who were present to appreciate the divine leadings of the past seven years. Others present made appropriate remarks, showing the warm place the pastor had in their hearts, and the great value of his labors among them. Dr. Henson made a touching response, full of gratitude and joy for the past and hope and confidence for the future. He expressed unabated love for his church and field of labor and counted it a great joy to labor with such a people. During the seven years 1089 new members were received, 449 of the number by baptism. In connection with the recorded results of the seven years, it was said. "There is satisfaction in knowing that Dr. Henson fills in the ministry of the denomination throughout the country that place which the pastor of the First Church, Chicago, may be expected to fill. This more general service is by no means least important of all to be expected of a minister. That Dr. Henson's share is so cordially recognized and so distinguished, is just occasion of gratification to all."

In May 1889 at the Baptist Anniversaries held in the Tremont Temple in Boston, announcement was made that Mr. John D. Rockefeller had subscribed \$600,000 as endowment to found a college in Chicago, on condition that \$400,000 was secured in Chicago for buildings and grounds. The First Church determined to take an important part in this new movement, and so made liberal subscriptions. The whole sum of \$400,000 was secured and so the first million dollars, was the financial basis of the new University of Chicago, whose assets now amount to \$18,000,000.

In 1890, on the twentieth day of February, Deacon Charles Duffield died in the eighty-second year of his age. Mr. Duffield came to Chicago in 1862 from Louisville, Ky., and joined

without delay the First Baptist Church. He was elected a deacon in January 1864 and held the office for twenty-six years until the time of his death. He was universally respected and beloved. He had been for so many years a marked Christian character, a sturdy representative of our denomination, and an ardent and intelligent advocate of its principles and practices. The funeral which was private on account of the illness of Mrs. Duffield was held at the residence 3020 Groveland Avenue. His pastor, Dr. Henson, spoke a few words, expressing his own love and regard for the deceased. The remains were taken to Cincinnati for burial in the family lot in Spring Grove Cemetery. The memorial service held on Sunday morning at the church, was marked by a large attendance and much interest. Many old friends of the deceased were present, including former associates in the Tippecanoe Club, who attended in a body. The sermon by Dr. Henson was of marked interest, showing the blessedness of a good old age, the beauty of a Christian character, symmetrical and full, and the glory of the final gathering to his people. The text was from Genesis 25: 8. "Then Abraham gave up the ghost and died in a good old age, an old man and full, and was gathered to his people."

On September 25, 1890, after a brief illness, occurred the death of Dr. W. W. Everts, in the seventy-sixth year of his age. An extended account is given of his nineteen and a half years as pastor of the First Church, in chapter four of this history in July 1904. Following a pastorate at Bergen Heights, N. J. Dr. Everts returned to Chicago, and resided here until he passed away, after a long and honored ministry in the denomination of American Baptists. His latest years in Chicago, as a member of the First Church, although passed in comparative retirement, were years of active usefulness.

The funeral of Dr. Everts took place on Sunday afternoon at the First Church. Dr. Henson his pastor took charge of the services. The deacons of the church officiated as pall-bearers.



The house was crowded with friends and acquaintances of the deceased. The old members of the church and pioneer Baptists were largely represented. The Baptist pastors and ministers of the city were present in large numbers. Among other denominations were Dr. McPherson, Dr. Barrows and Dr. Arthur Edwards. Dr. Henson in his address, laid upon the casket "flowers of memory fragrant with love." He brought out clearly and with much appreciation the marked features of the character and public services of Dr. Everts. Dr. Lawrence, Dr. McPherson and Dr. C. Perren followed in words of love and esteem. Others who participated in the services were Dr. D. B. Cheney, Dr. Rowlands, Rev. H. A. Delano, Dr. Barrows, Dr. Richards and Dr. Edwards. The great audience took a farewell look at the familiar face, which did not look like death, but as natural and peaceful as if just asleep. The body was laid away in the vault of the church, and the burial took place at Rose Hill Cemetery on the following day.

On Nov. 5, 1890, the corner stone of the Wabash Avenue Mission building was laid on the lot which had been purchased in 1888. The stone used for the new edifice was secured from the demolished building of the "Old University of Chicago." On this interesting occasion there was a goodly attendance of First Church and mission people. Dr. Henson presided and gave a short address, and under the direction of Mr. S. B. Lingle the corner stone was lowered to its place. The building when finally completed cost with the land some twenty-five thousand dollars. Great credit is due to Mr. Lingle for his financial help and the time he had given in superintending the erection of the building.

The reports presented at the annual meeting of the First Church January 14, 1891 showed its harmonious and prosperous condition. The pastor was happy in the large audiences that attended his ministry, and in the general co-operation and devotion of the membership. One radical change made was the election of nine trustees instead of three, as had been the custom. An addition to the working force of the church was the appointment of Miss Ella F. Haigh (now Mrs. Googins) as pastor's assistant, who rendered very valuable service.

#### DR. HENSON'S TENTH ANNIVERSARY.

The tenth anniversary of the settlement of Dr. Henson occurred at the Covenant meeting March 2, 1892. The lecture room was densely crowded, overflowing to the halls and parlors. A short history recounting the special events of the ten years was read, closing with the reading of the names of the one hundred and thirteen members who had passed on during that period. The hymn "Shall we gather at the river" was sung and Dr. Henson introduced Rev. Dr. Wm. Haigh, who spoke words commemorative of those whose names had been read. He said in part: "A number large enough to constitute a church of themselves, such a church as they would make; what a group of ministers, of deacons, and officers, of fathers and mothers in Israel ripe and ready, of men and women full of strength and labor, of young men and maidens full of promise and hope. There were Dr. Everts, the pastor for nearly twenty years, one of the men of his time; Lewis Raymond the

evangelist of fifty years; Dr. Jirah D. Cole, honored east and west and Father Briggs, devoted to the last. There was the faithful and honored church clerk, Leander Stone. There were such deacons as few churches are privileged to have. James E. Tyler, Charles Duffield, L. A. Willard, D. S. Tredwell. Well may the church rally anew in prayer around the pastor from whose side such stalwart supports have been taken, while we rejoice that others also remain and are being raised up for the struggles and triumphs of the future." Among the names not referred to by Dr. Haigh may be mentioned: W. W. Smith, A. D. Tittsworth, Mrs. Adam Smith, Mrs. Clara Tillinghast, Miss Julia Everingham, Charles R. Huntington, Mrs. L. A. Larmon, James M. Love, Dea. Albert N. Sheppard, Mrs. M. B. Tittsworth, Mrs. E. D. Neal, Mrs. B. S. Vinton, Prof. Oscar Howes, Mrs. Dr. Elisha Tucker, Miss Martha Gillette, Mrs. M. A. Buchanan, Mrs. C. E. Huntington, Mrs. H. F. Googins. Letters were read, received from members who could not be present, expressing high regard for the church and the pastor. Dr. Henson followed in a tender address, and gave his early experiences before he came to Chicago. On the Sunday morning following Dr. Henson preached from the text "Hinder me not seeing the Lord has prospered my way." He said: the text had peculiar application to the First Church history. The church had been blessed in its formative influences which gave it its type of character, and greatly has it been blessed in the pastors who had preceded him. Among them the heroic Freeman, the sainted Hinton, the cultured Tucker, the indomitable Everts, and the eloquent Lorimer. His success had been largely due to the foundations laid by those who were before him, and to the co-operation of those around him. He hoped the church would press forward to still greater achievements.

In 1892 electric lights were introduced into the church building, the money for which was secured by the personal efforts of the pastor.

In 1892 was placed a bronze tablet to the right of the pulpit, in memory of Dr. W. W. Everts, who was pastor of the church for nineteen and a half years. The last three words of the inscription—"Believer, Warrior, Conqueror," were suggested by Dr. Henson, and were the basis of his discourse on "God's Heroes," Sunday, June 5, 1892.

In September, 1892, Rev. Daniel Shepardson, Ph. D. became a member of the First Church and commenced his services as assistant pastor. He was also elected superintendent of the Sunday School. His able and consecrated services were greatly appreciated. His recent death at Honolulu as the "Wheel Chair Evangelist" was a severe loss of one eminently useful in the Lord's work. His portrait and an account of his life appeared in the December and January issues of "Church Life."

#### THE CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH.

In October 1892 between sixty and seventy members of the First Church were prepared to take letters to form the new Church on Wabash Avenue and Thirty-eighth Street. Sixty-three valued members received letters for this object, the name of the new church being the "Calvary Baptist Church of Chicago" in place of the Wabash Avenue Mission, which had been sustained





*Mr. James F. Gillette.*

by the First Church for many years. Among those who received letters were four deacons, one trustee, the Sunday School superintendent and many old teachers and faithful members. The property on Wabash Avenue was deeded to the new church. The new movement was heartily endorsed by the First Church and financial aid extended.

During the year 1892, Miss A. H. E. Stewart, the earnest and efficient Sunday School missionary had made 1,300 calls and distributed some 600 articles of clothing.

In March 1893 in the seventy-fourth year of his age, Professor F. O. Marsh, for many years a most valuable member of the First Church died in New Orleans, where he was president of Leland University. The remains were brought to Chicago for burial, funeral services being held at the home of his son Charles A. Marsh, Dr. P. S. Henson, President Harper and Rev. J. R. Gow participating.

For many years Mr. Marsh was a professor in the University at Granville, Ohio. One of his students said of him: "I know that I speak for hundreds of his old students when I say, he impressed us all with a spirit of quiet goodness, manhood and high ideal. His physical attitude, his moral aim, his tenderness of heart, his patience with the dullest intellect, his steadfast courage, unfaltering confidence in God, his evermore abiding sense of God's nearness and leading—all this we felt."

Dr. P. S. Henson pastor of Prof. Marsh wrote

of him as the "beloved and honored man of God." He said: "I cannot refrain from paying my personal tribute of affection to the memory of one upon whom during most of the years of my pastorate in Chicago I have been accustomed to lean with so much confidence and comfort. He was a 'true yoke-fellow' with whom it was a perpetual joy to be associated. He was a broad thinker and never ceased to keep abreast of the best thoughts of his time, and to be in touch with every forward movement in education or religion. He was a wise counsellor and a tireless worker. For distinctively Christian work, especially the work of Christian education, to which almost his whole life had been devoted, his relish was the keenest. He was a born educator, and though mightily missed from our church circles in Chicago, and from our city mission work, in which he was a leader, when he left us to go to Leland University in New Orleans, it was a matter of supreme gratification to him, and to those who loved him best, that he was allowed to spend the closing years of his life in a work to which he was so intensely devoted, and for which he was so thoroughly equipped. His noble wife sympathized with every throb of his heart and every aspiration of his nature. With his daughter Mrs. Felton and her husband Dr. Felton he was delightfully associated in the work at Leland University, while during the months of his summer rest he was most happily encompassed in his Chicago home by his three stalwart sons, and daughter Mrs. Burns. A well rounded life was his and 'full' "



## THE COLUMBIAN EXPOSITION.

The year 1893 was made memorable by the Columbian Exposition, from May to November. The First Church during this period was unusually crowded and Dr. Henson's sermons under such influences were wonderfully able and attractive. The audience on communion Sunday in June, gave a good illustration of the cosmopolitan attendance at the World's Fair. One hundred and twenty visitors gave their names and residences on the communion cards. They came from thirty-three states and four provinces of Canada. One Sunday morning in September an overflow meeting was held in the Lecture Room, when Rev. R. H. Austin gave an address and a delightful conference meeting followed. At the close of the Sunday services Dr. Henson was overwhelmed with the greetings of his friends from all parts of the country.

On September 17, 1894 the First Church suffered an almost irreparable loss in the death of Mr. James F. Gillette. This beloved and honored brother came to Chicago, and united with the First Church in 1856. He was a most loyal and devoted member for thirty-eight years. In his church relations Mr. Gillette was one of those upon whom his pastor and his brethren might always surely rely. His interest in all denomination concerns was constant and liberal. In society and in his family he was such a man as the true Christian spirit joined with instincts of the gentleman and warm and steady affections, combine to make. His name is enrolled in the history of all our denominational affairs in Chicago, while by those most nearly related to him, his memory is fondly cherished as of one true and tender in all his relations; with a name among men such as must always be spoken with honor and esteem.

Dr. Henson, the pastor, in giving an account of Mr. Gillette's life said of him: "In boyhood at Suffield, Ct., he had made profession of faith in Christ, and in coming to Chicago promptly identified himself with the First Church, then worshipping on Washington Street, and for thirty-eight years gave to it his loyal love, his manly strength and his generous benefactions. He was not an old man when he died, having only just turned sixty-two and yet most of the earlier stalwarts with whom he had been associated, had passed away, and it is not too much to say that the church had come to look to him and honor him with a loving confidence, that did the utmost honor both to him and them. He was a living epistle literally and by manifestation of the truth, he commended himself to every man's conscience in the sight of God. His death after only a brief illness, painless, and without struggle, was a fitting close to a singularly beautiful life."

## THE PASTOR'S FIFTEENTH ANNIVERSARY.

On Wednesday night, March 3, 1897, there was celebrated the fifteenth anniversary of Dr. Henson's service as pastor, which commenced March 1, 1882. On this occasion there was a crowded lecture room. The exercises were of unusual interest and included a presentation of a solid silver salad bowl with spoon and fork to Dr. and Mrs. Henson. A paper was read giving some facts in connection with the early

history of the church and especially of the last fifteen years.

The fifteen years had been with God's blessing, years of harmony and progress. The sermons of Dr. Henson always biblical and evangelical have attracted large audiences and there had been progress in all lines of church work. Rev. Wm. M. Haigh, D. D., spoke with much effect of the one hundred and seventy-nine members who had passed away during the fifteen years. The names of a number of these honored dead were read, and it was shown how through them was inherited the continuity of church life; the blessed influence of personal devotion; and the inspiring comfort of the Christian's death, illustrated impressively by two death-beds of unusual significance and glory.

Testimonies and kind words of appreciation of the pastor, were spoken by many present. Letters were read from absent members expressing love for the church and pastor. Then came a complete surprise to the pastor by the presentation in a loving speech, by Mr. John P. Ahrens, of the solid silver referred to above. Mr. Ahrens said the congregation had determined to mark the fifteenth anniversary by presenting the pastor with a token of esteem. Dr. Henson made a feeling response and all rejoiced in the prospect of continued years of mutual loving appreciation of pastor and people.

The inscription on the bowl is as follows:

Presented to

Dr. and Mrs. Henson

By the

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF CHICAGO  
To Commemorate the Fifteenth Anniversary of  
Dr. Henson's Pastorate.

March 3, 1897.

## DEATH OF MRS. DR. HENSON.

The death of Mrs. Henson created a vacancy which was keenly felt by the pastor and his family and the church, and a large circle of friends all over the country. Mrs. Henson died of pneumonia June 6, 1900, at the residence 3249 South Park Avenue. Mrs. Henson was much beloved for her genuine Christian character, genial disposition and helpfulness in so many ways. The funeral services were held at the First Church June 9. An immense audience gathered. The flowers were beautiful and extensive. Dr. Wm. M. Lawrence, a close friend of twenty-eight years in Philadelphia and Chicago took charge. Dr. Burch, Dr. Henson's Methodist neighbor, Dr. Perren, Dr. Galusha Anderson and Dr. Crandall took part in the exercises. Dr. Anderson gave an address full of sympathy and kind remembrance. Dr. Lawrence in loving words, spoke of the deceased, referring among other traits of her character to her "motherly nature" and "that as a Christian she brought to the responsibilities of motherhood all the ideals resultant from her conceptions of what a Christian mother should be and her faith in God was called upon to realize for her children the noblest manhood and womanhood, and this motherhood not only took in her own family, but all who had need thereof."

Mrs. Henson, although she was eminent in her domestic sphere, was actively identified with



benevolent work. The burial was at Oakwood Cemetery, Chicago.

Soon after the death of Mrs. Henson, Dr. Henson was invited by his friends to take a trip abroad. They placed in his hands a sufficient sum of money as an encouragement to go, and so on August 4, he sailed on the "Umbria" for Liverpool, taking with him his daughter Miss Mabel Henson. After visiting his daughter, Mrs. Medora Cooke in London, he went to Paris and then visited prominent places in Europe. At Venice he received a letter from London inviting him to make the closing address at Leicester on the evening of October 4, before the Baptist Union of Great Britain and Ireland. He was able to do this to the great delight of the English Baptists.

Dr. Henson was again in his pulpit Sunday evening, October 14. A stormy return voyage had prevented his arrival for the morning service. As he entered the pulpit he was greeted with an enthusiastic "Chautauqua salute." A song of welcome specially written for the occasion, printed on slips, and sung by the congregation, followed the invocation. About the pulpit were floral decorations and above it the words "Welcome Home." After referring briefly to the joys of his trip Dr. Henson preached a stirring sermon on "The Living Christ." At the after-meeting several expressed the desire to be Christians.

On Monday evening a general reception was given as a welcome to the returned pastor. A large number were present and after the summer separation, the occasion was a reunion of people with people as well as pastor with people.

In June, 1901, Dr. Henson was married to Mrs. Edith Boydon an esteemed and active member of the First Church. The marriage ceremony was by Rev. W. M. Lawrence, D. D., one of Dr. Henson's old friends. Congratulations were extended to the bride and groom by the select company who were invited to the wedding.

In November 1901 the Hanson Place Baptist Church, Brooklyn, N. Y. sent a cordial invitation to Dr. Henson to become their pastor. Dr. Henson had a conviction that the time had come for him to make a change, and so he accepted the call of the Brooklyn church. Before the Sunday morning service on the day he read his resignation, a committee waited on Dr. Henson, to protest against his announced determination to accept the call to Brooklyn. The committee went away disappointed, however, as Dr. Henson explained that his mind was made up. His letter of resignation was as follows:

"Dear Brethren and Sisters of the First Baptist Church: Nearly twenty years ago I came to you, having been summoned by you from a church in Philadelphia which was very dear to me—so dear to me that it well nigh broke my heart to sever the ties that bound me to it. I came to you because I felt that it was not your voice alone, but the voice of God, that called me to Chicago. The abundant blessings that have come to us in our mutual love and service during this long stretch of years gives me assurance that I did not misinterpret God's will when I came to you. Believing as I do in the old gospel, the everlasting gospel, the gospel

for this time and for all time, I have tried to preach it with all the ability that God gave me and the results have shown that this gospel is still the power of God unto salvation. And now another call has come to me, a call which I am thoroughly persuaded is a call from God and being so persuaded I may not disobey it. And therefore, I tender this, my resignation, as your pastor, to take effect on the thirty-first of December next, after which I go to enter upon the pastorate of the Hanson Place Baptist Church in the Borough of Brooklyn, Greater New York. I allowed that church to call me, and I did not do it with the view of securing through it any vote of confidence from you. I did not need such a vote after these years, in which, with a loyalty, for which I can never be sufficiently thankful, you have stood by me so solidly that there has never been a divided vote in the church meeting. May the peace of God that passeth all understanding keep your hearts and your minds through Christ Jesus."

Yours in Christian love,

P. S. HENSON.

Dr. Henson's farewell sermon was preached Sunday morning, Dec. 29, 1901, at the close of which he baptized six recent converts. The subject of his sermon was "Together." "Hath quickened us together with Christ." "All that believed were together and had all things common." "Whole body fitly joined together." "Striving together for the faith of the gospel." "Caught up together." "Sit together; work together; walk together; strive together." Dr. Henson, in closing a most telling sermon, said: "I charge you as my parting words to stand together and march on to victory."

Dr. Henson's pastorate commenced March 1, 1882, and continued twenty years less two months, the longest pastorate in the history of the church. There were 700 members at the beginning and 1,071 at the close. Of new members 2,671 were received, 1,083 of this number by baptism, a yearly average of new members 133, and of baptisms fifty-four. The diminutions from letters of dismission, deaths, and other causes have been 2,300.

The receipts of money for all purposes during the twenty years have been \$496,240, expended as follows: Church expenses, \$309,700; church debt, \$18,000; Wabash Avenue Mission, \$8,159; church organ, \$7,000; repairs and decorations on the church edifice, \$11,563; benevolent objects including the University of Chicago \$141,845.

#### FAREWELL RECEPTION.

On Monday evening, Dec. 30, a vast throng of people, members and friends of the First Church, gathered in the lecture room and parlors to say their farewell word to Dr. and Mrs. Henson, prior to their departure for Brooklyn. After pleasant social intercourse and refreshments, Rev. F. C. W. Parker, the assistant pastor, introduced a brief programme of farewell. Dr. L. A. Crandall pastor of the Memorial Church, made a happy address. He emphasized the high regard in which Dr. Henson and his ministry are held in Chicago and the regret felt over his departure. A brief record of the twenty



ty years pastorate was read by one of the deacons. Then came a presentation on behalf of the ladies of the church, of a large bouquet of roses to Dr. and Mrs. Henson. The doctor responded in words full of tenderness and affection. He spoke of the mutual happy relations which had been sustained through the years and said he did not know it would be so hard to break away from them. He expected to do some of the best work of his life yet and asked that those from whom he went remember him in their prayers. A noble company had always

stood around him in his work, for which he was grateful.

As the company joined in singing "Blest be the Tie that Binds" there were many faces that revealed the hidden emotions of tender hearts; and as the people separated it seemed hardly possible that the name of Dr. Henson was no longer to be associated with the First Baptist Church as pastor.

[Chapter X, giving an account of the commencement of Dr. de Blois's pastorate, etc., will close the "Seventy Years History."]



## The Church at Work.

### Sunday School.

Suzette Carroll of the graduating class in the Primary Department (Miss Edith Ahrens, teacher) has a remarkable attendance record. The best in the school. For more than three and a half years she has not missed a Sunday and has won the gold-plated star—1st prize—for two years. This means that, besides being present she has been early as well. The school is to be congratulated on having such faithful attendants.

The best record in the Intermediate Department is held by Mrs. Wm. Wigney, teacher of Class 35, who has not missed for 79 Sundays. Charles Hall of Class 23 comes next with a record of 74.

Miss Mary E. Laidlaw for four years assistant in the Caroline Bishop Training School for Missionaries at Dallas, Texas, (and recently admitted to our church membership) has taken the Amoret Henson Guild class and Miss Van Fleet has undertaken the work so long and so urgently needed—that is, a Teacher's Training Class—which started out with an enrollment of eight and now has a membership of thirteen, all volunteers—who are studying—not the International Lessons but a normal course on the whole Bible and methods of teaching. This normal class is open to both men and women—are there not many members of our church who would like to take advantage of this opportunity? Miss Van Fleet will welcome any such to membership in the class.

Class No. 7—Geo. M. Adams, teacher—holds the Best Attendance Banner in the Intermediate Department for the month of January. Its average was 96 per cent, and the next best record was made by Robert Leland's class, No. 24, with an average of 88 per cent. The secre-

tary reports that the averages for February are very close. The announcement of the winner will be awaited with interest.

In the Primary department we are glad to welcome back Miss Elizabeth Lingle who has resumed her class after eight months spent in most delightful travel abroad—in Europe, Egypt and the Holy Land.

Mrs. Hume will lead the singing hereafter in the Primary Department and Miss Catherine Marshall will be the pianist. The singing of the children is always enjoyable. It will repay attendants of our church who seldom get out to Sunday School to occasionally come early enough to see and hear the closing exercises in the various departments. Come, and keep in touch with what is being done in the Sunday School.

At the request of Mr. Embree he has been relieved as teacher of the Lorimer class which will be taught hereafter by Deacon Chas. A. Pienkowsky. He will have the able assistance of Mr. Roy C. Merrifield, formerly our pastor's assistant, who will devote his whole time to the upbuilding of this class. We welcome Mr. Merrifield and expect great things of this class. Mr. J. R. Messner takes Mr. Pienkowsky's class.

Miss Mary E. Young, formerly assistant superintendent of the Primary Department, is back at work in the Sunday School again.

Miss Florence Huskey, assistant secretary in the Primary Department, has been a delegate from the University to the meeting of Student Volunteers held at Nashville, Tenn. We are fortunate in having such workers in our Sunday School.

Mrs. Wigney's class has a room to itself now—that formerly used by the secretaries who have



moved down to the assistant pastor's room on the stair-landing. By the way, the new secretaries are keeping the records in splendid shape. Mr. Pitt, secretary of the Intermediate Department is an expert in just that kind of work, and he and Mr. Solt give one evening of each week to it.

That blue line, which indicates the attendance for 1906,—ought to be above the 1905 line and stay there. At present it shows just about the same average.

### YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR.

*Elizabeth M. Pickett, Dep't. Editor.*

We would suggest to the young people of our church and congregation that they are missing one of the best things our church affords when they do not attend the Christian Endeavor prayer meetings. There is no better opportunity for real and earnest expression of your allegiance to Christ and devotion to the work of His kingdom.

The services are devotional, and the topics under discussion this year take up some of the deepest truths of Christianity, and we have secured some of our older church members to lead us in the study of some of these lessons. We cordially invite all who can to meet with us. During the coming months we take up the following subjects:

March 16—What is true happiness? the worldly idea; the Christian idea. Luke 6:20-26; 1 John 2:12-17; 2 Cor. 6: 10; Phil. 4:4-7.

March 30—Lives that endure. Matt. 7:24-25; 1 Cor. 3:10-15; Eph. 2:19-22; 1 Tim. 6:17-19; 2 Tim. 2:14-19.

April 6—Our pledge and how to keep it. Matt. 28:20; Eccl. 5:1-7; Ps. 51:6.

#### MISSIONARY WORK.

The scope of missionary work is as broad as the world, and we take up in our monthly meetings many different phases of that work. At our February meeting we heard some long and interesting letters from our friend Dr. Walter Rittenhouse and his wife. In the weeks to come we shall seek to know more of the work in Burmah as they have taken up work among the people of the mountains in the upper part of that country. In this connection we shall hear also something about the Student Missionary Volunteer movement. We had the pleasure of having a small share in the sending of a delegate to the National Convention of this organization this year at Nashville, Tenn. We anticipate having a report of these meetings from Miss Florence Huskey at the March missionary meeting. We trust this will be an inspiring service, and largely attended.

We would like to remind the members of the Society in this connection that the Duffield Memorial Fund needs your contribution for Foreign Missionary work. If all the endeavorers will give as God has prospered them these objects in which the Society is interested will be well taken care of by our Society alone.

#### ENTERTAINMENT.

On February 5th, for the benefit of the Central Baptist Chinese Mission the Society arranged and gave an entertainment. Through the kindness of some of the students of the Columbia College of Expression we enjoyed an excellent program of readings, assisted by the newly organized orchestra of the Sunday School. While the attendance was not all that we could desire, on account of the weather, yet we are glad to report about thirty dollars realized for the work of the mission. May it double in power in the efficient hands of the workers there.

We expect that this month we will have a detailed report from the Raymond Mission Building Fund Committee of the Society, which will be a final report from that committee. We earnestly pray that God will guide us in the further discussion of our duty toward this work, and may each member consider carefully whether they have taken their full share in the building of Raymond Chapel.

From inside information we have it may be expected that the Endeavorers will give a social sometime in the month of March. Please watch for the date. Every one is invited.

We are happy this term in the selection of Miss Clara Stowell as chairman of the Good Literature Committee. It has been a great pleasure to her as well as to those she has visited, to be able to take papers and magazines of the best sort of literature to the sick in our neighboring hospitals. She will be glad to receive anything of the kind that you may have that is in good condition, and fairly up to date.

The South Division of the Christian Endeavor Union will join in a union rally with the Epworth League, and the Baptist Union on March 22nd. The place of this rally will be announced later. We should attend for two particularly good reasons. We are not only Christian Endeavorers, but Baptists as well.

#### WOMEN'S MISSION CIRCLE.

*Mrs. S. B. Lingle, Dep't. Editor.*

The annual meeting of the Women's Mission Circle on February ninth had an attendance of over seventy.

The reports were encouraging. Much joy was expressed that we had already made up our apportionment of \$450.00 to each of the Woman's Missionary Societies. One of the interesting reports was from the Central Chinese Mission. The missionary is a member with us and most of the converts unite with our church.

A choir has been formed from some of our good singers and the Glory Song and other good selections were much enjoyed by the circle.

Mrs. Downe who has so long assisted in this service of song was presented with a cluster of beautiful flowers as a token of the appreciation of the circle for her many favors.

Five new names were received as members. The officers and heads of committees of the past year were selected and the social that followed the program was especially pleasant.



# The Men's League

C. H. Marshall, President.

L. C. Humphrey, Secretary.

M. S. Piercey, Treasurer.

**Object**—To develop closer fellowship among the men of our church and congregation and to cultivate the spirit of mutual helpfulness in material and social as well as in spiritual affairs.

**Motto**—The largest and best place for every member he is worthy and competent to fill.

**League Meetings**—Sundays 12:15 business session in church parlors. 12:30 to 1 Bible study, Dr. de Blois teaching the next Sunday's International Lesson.

Social gatherings and entertainments frequently as announced.

The Fellowship Committee tenders its good

offices to aid in locating Baptists in our neighborhood and securing employment to members. Let the Committee know if you know a brother who needs a job or a better one or who can furnish a position, a room or a roomer; board or a boarder, or to rent a house or flat in this locality.

## Fellowship Committee—

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## MEN'S LEAGUE WANTS.

See the Fellowship Committee.

### Rooms Wanted—

Members of our church who have rooms they will rent to worthy men are requested to notify the Fellowship Committee.

### To Rent—

Light front room in Christian family.

### Positions Wanted—

Young man with experience driving express wagon and warehouse.

Young man now in street car service wants work where he will not have to work on Sunday.

Middle-aged man wants position as janitor or care-taker.

## NEWS OF THE LEAGUE.

Frank W. Gale, Dep't. Editor.

On Tuesday the thirteenth of February, the League gave an unusually interesting entertainment.

The entertainment consisted of music rendered by our efficient Sunday School Orchestra and its excellence was attested by the hearty applause.

Besides the music a lecture on "Yellowstone National Park" was given by Mr. Colver, a gentleman who for twenty years lived in the vicinity of "The Nation's Playground." While residing there he took views of the points of interest and the geysers in particular (both in action and while passive.) The views with few exceptions were colored in nature's colors and showed the points of interest just as the tourist sees them. Several moving pictures were shown. The beauties of this park are quite beyond imagination and one need not go to Europe for scenery for here it is said is scenery far ahead of any in Europe. Interspersed here and there throughout the lecture were little anecdotes of

an amusing nature. A large attendance quite filled the seats on the lower floor of the church auditorium and a portion of the gallery. Mr. Colver gave an unusually fine lecture.

The Bible Class, under Dr. de Blois is forging ahead and new faces are constantly appearing in the class and great interest is shown in the course of study which is a very interesting one and which no man should miss. The class meets at 12:15 every Sunday and lasts till one. Let every man try and bring some other man to class each Sunday. You will be well repaid spiritually for your effort and a hearty welcome awaits you.

## THE WELCOME COMMITTEE

under Mr. Arthur as chairman and consisting of twenty-five men whose object is to greet and welcome all strangers and visitors at our Sunday evening services, is making good progress. The Finance Committee is still at work under the able leadership of Mr. W. E. Smith and is making fine progress toward removal of the small remaining debt on lot to south of church where it is hoped in the near future a building will be erected, the object of which is to provide a place where the people of our vicinity may come together socially under the very best influences.

## AN ANTI-VICE COMMITTEE

was formed some little time back with Mr. C. M. Clarke as chairman with the purpose in view of clearing 31st street in our vicinity, of objectionable places such as dance halls, etc. It is urged that every man will give this committee his earnest support in what manner he can.

## MEN WANTED.

The League still wants more men as members for the more we have the further our influence will reach. Every man is welcome. Join now.

## SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT.

Tuesday evening, March 13th, at 8 o'clock



the League will give its regular monthly social evening and announces two talks by men eminent in their respective spheres of usefulness and well known to all. Judge Orrin N. Carter, once a candidate for mayor of Chicago, and now a judge on Chicago bench, will talk upon "Chicago's New Charter," a topic of great interest to every true citizen of Chicago.

Mr. Bowman, a well known Y. M. C. A. worker, will talk upon "Different Kinds of Humor" also a topic of interest to all. Also a fine musical program will be given.

#### REASONS WHY YOU SHOULD COME.

You will hear two very fine talks upon topics of interest to all, and by men who are noted for their achievements.

You will hear a fine musical program.

You will meet socially people in our church.

You will receive a hearty welcome and a good time and will be glad you came.

This is a fine program.—*You should not miss it. Topics of interest to all. A large attendance desired. Come and bring your friends.*

#### LADIES' BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.

*Mrs. W. Morava, Dep't. Editor.*

Taking the attendance as a standard, February was the banner month for the Ladies' Benevolent Society. On February 2nd, ninety-three ladies were in attendance, and on February sixteenth ninety ladies manifested their interest in the society by their presence.

The hum of the sewing-machines; the active

fingers and the murmur of voices indicated a busy and happy day for all.

It was pleasant to welcome a number, who for some weeks have been among the "shut-ins." On February sixteenth, Mrs. Gassette, by her presence and entertaining talk added greatly to the pleasure and interest of the meeting. It was voted that we devote the month of March to the interests of the Baptist Hospital, and during this month to send in supplies of staple groceries and housekeeping necessities in the name of the First Baptist Church. It was also voted that at each meeting, a box be placed on the table in the church parlor, to receive contributions to be used for fruit and flowers, to convey our love and sympathy to the sick and afflicted.

#### THE YOUNG LADIES' MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

*Dep't. Editor, Leila M. Ahrens.*

Plans are now being made for the sale that the girls have been working for, for some time. It is to take place Wednesday afternoon, March 28, at the home of the Misses Googins, 3247 South Park Avenue. There will be many useful and attractive articles for sale—such as aprons, handkerchiefs and bags of all kinds. There will also be home-made candy, and refreshments. The money is to be for missions, and it is hoped that everyone who can, will be present and help the girls in their endeavor to raise enough money so that they can give their usual amount to home and foreign missions.



## One of the World's Greatest Religious Conventions.

By Florence W. Huskey.

The Nashville Convention of the Student Volunteer movement, held from February 27 to March 4, is said to have been the greatest convention in the history of the world, both spiritually and numerically.

There was a registered delegation of about 4,000 students representing 700 institutions of learning. There were 286 professors, 144 missionaries from 26 lands and 149 official representatives from the foreign fields. John R. Mott, the chairman and executive head of the volunteer union presided at the meetings. The best speakers that could be secured from all over the world were obtained, chief among them being Robert E. Speer, the secretary of the board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian church.

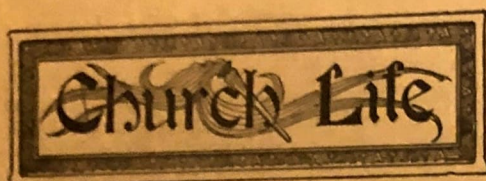
Three meetings a day were held during the convention and at each meeting the delegates

were brought face to face with the facts of the world's great need for volunteers to do God's work. The call seemed more and more imperative as each speaker told of the conditions in the field in which he was particularly interested.

Never was the spirit of God more manifest than it was at those meetings. His presence was felt all over the city of Nashville. It seems almost incredible that any person could have attended any one of the meetings without being spiritually uplifted and incited to do God's will, cost him what it would.

The real effect of the convention is to come when these four thousand students begin their religious campaign at their individual institutions and it seems altogether probable that the Student Volunteer motto: "The Evangelization of the World in This Generation," will be realized.





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The Pastor's Message will be found on page 13.

Mrs. R. R. Donnelley is spending a few weeks in Toronto.

Did you notice the want department in another column?

Mrs. Blackman has been confined to her room for several days.

Miss Isabel Harvey still continues rather uncomfortably ill with grip.

It is to be hoped that we can secure the Welsh evangelists for a series of meetings.

Mrs. Dr. Kalke has recently passed through quite an illness but is again able to be out.

Miss Grace Googins is suffering from an illness which we trust may not prove to be serious.

The assistant to the pastor, Rev. Mr. Kennan will begin his work about the middle of March.

Master Lawrence and Miss Vera Kline, two of our faithful Sunday school pupils, have been quite ill.

Any who wish to help pay for the new song books used in our prayer meetings should speak to the pastor.

Mrs. Solt has been quite severely ill with an attack of tonsillitis. We are glad to know that she is much better.

Mrs. Martha Drake has been spending the winter with her daughter, Mrs. Williams, at 2949 S. Park ave.

Mrs. J. D. Webster for many years an active member of our church came to her death during the past month in a fire.

Mr. Vallette and those who helped him deserve most hearty commendation for giving us the best church directory we ever had.

It is with regret that we learn of the severe illness of Mrs. S. C. Knight. We hope she will soon recover and extend our sympathy.

Master Daniel and Misses Lyrena and Gentry Brewer, who have been members of our Sunday school for some time have gone to Texas to live.

Mrs. Harry Wheeler Stone and Miss Ethel Genius are spending the winter with Mrs. Richard M. Genius at Mrs. Genius' winter home in Winter Park, Florida.

Mr. Clifford Williams hopes before long to move into the new palatial residence he is building on Calumet Avenue. His present home at 3253 Forest avenue is for sale at a sacrifice.

Miss May Titterington is still at the Wesley Hospital. We hope that she may soon be able to go to her own home. Our sympathies are with Miss Titterington in her prolonged and painful illness.

### Weddings.

On the afternoon of January 25th occurred the marriage of Miss Katherine A Livermore, daughter of Col. and Mrs. D. E. Livermore of 3231 Prairie Ave., Chicago, Ill., to the Rev. W. H. Carmichael of Burmah, Oklahoma. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Dr. Dodson at Custer City, Okla. The many valuable and useful presents attest the warm hearted friends. Rev. and Mrs. Carmichael will be at home, Burmah, Okla., during month of June for Sunday School picnic and camping on Crystal River.

On the evening of February 20th the wedding of Miss Eunice Baker and Mr. Ira C. Humphrey took place in the First Presbyterian Church, the Rev. Archibald Morrisson officiating. Mr. and Mrs. Humphrey have gone south to New Orleans and Mobile on their wedding trip and will be at home after April first at 3250 Indiana Ave. Mrs. Humphrey was formerly a teacher in our Primary Department where also Mr. Humphrey was one of the secretaries.

### REAL RELIGION.

A sentiment is developing in our Men's League that is worthy of more than a passing notice. Thinking Christians are more and more awakening to the conviction that Christ the Great Master desired his followers to be more than sky-pilots leading men to the life beyond the sky, and that he introduced a new ideal as a force for regulating human affairs here and now. Christ enthroned Love and Love put into



practical, modern words means "A square deal for everyone." It means that each shall be concerned in the interests of his neighbor.

The follower of Christ was to seek his brother's rather than his own good. Their love and care for one another was to be the chief mark to distinguish them from the rest of the world, and the Christian world is at last awakening to a keener appreciation of this Christ ideal.

In the Men's League of our church the Christ ideal is leading our men to definite effort for mutual helpfulness in material as well as in spiritual relations.

The Christ ideal has led the Fellowship Committee to adopt the motto—"The Largest and Best Place for every Member he is worthy and competent to fill;" and the committee offers its services to aid members who are worthy, to find better positions.

They will assist in locating individuals in Christian homes, and families to locate in our neighborhood.

They are corresponding with pastors in nearby states to extend through them cordial welcome to Baptists coming to Chicago.

They are inaugurating a Free Literature Exchange through which those who have an abundance of periodicals can pass them on to others, who do not.

A movement is on foot to encourage staunch Christian young men to seek positions on the police force of the city and so get the enforcement of the law in the hands of the friends of law and order instead of leaving its enforcement with the friends of the saloon and criminal element.

The Christ ideal will lead to the doing of many things for the betterment of human conditions.

The Fellowship Committee of the Men's League cordially invite suggestions and co-operation from all.

### THE NORMAL CLASS.

A new normal class for the study of the teacher's training course was organized in our Sunday school on Sunday, February 18, and now has an enrollment of fourteen young people who are pursuing a general course of study, preparatory to taking up Sunday school work later on. The class is under the leadership of Miss Van Fleet and the text book which is to be studied is Hurlburt's Revised Normal lessons. These lessons include a concise review of the contents of the Bible, the history of the Jews and the church, Bible geography, Bible institutions and Bible doctrine, and a class study of the history and organization of the Sunday school, the qualifications and preparation of the teacher and the best ways of teaching the lesson truths. This course will certainly be invaluable to those who are taking it and, it is hoped may in time develop a number of workers in our school. It has been the feeling, not only of the officers but of the large majority of the teachers that a course of training such as is outlined would be a great help to Sunday school teaching. The class is open to both men and women and the enrollment is not yet complete. Any who are desirous of following such a plan of study should consult with Miss Van Fleet at once.



## The Work at Raymond.

We would like to have three violinists for our Sunday evening service.

We are glad to welcome Mr. and Mrs. Bird as active workers with us.

Let us all work and pray for a great ingathering during the next few weeks.

Miss Willetta McKenzie has been very seriously ill. We are glad to learn she is now recovering, although still unwell.

We were delightfully surprised with a visit, last Tuesday, from Rev. Mr. Rader of Iowa, brother of our Mr. Rader.

We are greatly indebted to Mr. Beninghof of Burmah for his most interesting and inspiring address last Tuesday evening upon Missions in India.

We regret the loss of one of our most faithful attendants. Miss Herta Pries has left the city, going to Kansas City to live with her brother.

The members of the Girl's Guild are greatly rejoiced at the return of Miss Lingle, who has been traveling for several months in Europe, Egypt and the Holy Land. She will again take up her work with Miss Lackner.

The industrial school under the direction of Mrs. Jones and her excellent corps of teachers is doing good work. More teachers are needed in this work on Saturday morning from 10 to 12.

The chorus under Mr. Embree's direction has begun practice on Easter music. Prof. Havens has very kindly loaned us music.

The ladies of the chapel are very desirous of having their parlor and the vestry completed and furnished. They are not satisfied with wishing for it but have gone ahead and raised money to do it with. If the amount on hand proves sufficient the work will be begun at once giving us a very useful and comfortable addition to our facilities. The ladies are putting our other organizations to shame in the matter of money raising for the chapel.

The Reeder class, under the able direction of Mr. Louis Reeder, is setting a pace that other classes find hard to follow. Their Washington Birthday entertainment was a gratifying success, both as to program and attendance. Last Saturday evening a lecture on Lincoln and the Civil War was given under their auspices and was much enjoyed. These entertainments have



been given without charge for admission. The class is growing and the attendance is large not only at their Saturday evening meetings but at the Sunday school.

It is interesting to note that the most serious competitor of the Reeder class for the distinction of being the largest and best class in the school is the one taught by Miss Bessie Reeder. It is to be regretted we cannot provide a separate class room for it also, as it has grown so large as to be hard to teach in the large room with the other classes.

#### THE WOMAN'S SOCIETY.

The Woman's Society met February 15th. A large number of ladies were present. Mrs. R. R. Donnelley of the Mission Committee was a welcome visitor. We were greatly encouraged and benefitted by her helpful remarks. We were pleased to welcome Mrs. Dow. The Society is planning with the money on hand to finish their rooms down stairs. We feel sure that when we have rooms where we can feel at home, and make our friends feel the same, there will be a steady increase in members. Thanking God for what he has done in the past for Raymond Chapel and trusting in him for the future, we steadily press onward sure of results in him who has promised never to leave or forsake us.

#### A LETTER FROM DR. EUBANK.

Huchow, Jan. 1, 1906.

Dear Brother Austermeil:

It has been some time since you wrote to me, or I to you. I suppose you have been seeing in the papers something of the riots in Shanghai, and in south China, and you have wondered if we were safe here. Well we have not had any demonstration against the foreigners in our city, but we feel sometimes like we were living on the crest of a volcano that might break forth at any time. The boycott has had quite a lot of literature in our town, and there has been quite a number of meetings. We fear some time when the people get stirred up about something that they will go to smashing things.

When we heard of the riots in Shanghai it caused quite a little uneasiness. So much so that I went and called a boat and had it stand at our place ready in case anything should happen. But thanks to His name all seems quiet now. But we are to have troubles in China for years to come. China is in the midst of a great revolution, and I fear much blood is to be shed before we shall have what China wants, and must have. It is not likely to come here as it did in Japan. We are now having a lot of very inflammatory talk by the young Chinese. They know that something is needed, but what it is, or how to get it, they have no idea.

But despite all this our church work moves right along. We are having some very encouraging signs all around now. We have a number of young men who want to preach. This is in answer to our prayers to the Lord of the harvest that He would give us more laborers. Our church here in the city has been self-supporting for over two years now, and it looks as if

it was going to continue. The church is in good condition, and we have decided to have the native preacher ordained, this will add strength to our work we think.

Four of our school boys have been received for baptism, and will be received into the church soon. One from the girls' school has asked also, and she will be received soon also. Our schools are doing nicely, and if we only had more men, and specially more money, we could do so much more of this sort of work. And it really ought to be done.

Perhaps you have already heard that we are to come home next year. Our furlough has been granted, so we will be slipping on you now before you know it. I am coming home with one big hope, and that is I want a hospital, and money enough to equip it with. I just must have it. I can not go on in the way I am now. I ought to have ten thousand dollars for the whole plant, but some of our friends have thought that I could not get that much so we have cut it down to six thousand, and I can not get along on less.

The spiritual results of the work are never what we could wish them to be, and yet we have had a lot of encouragement in our work this year. Many who come into the hospital and stay for some time are usually the ones that get a hold on the gospel. They come to know us, and to want to listen to the preaching. The life of the physician, and of his assistants, has a good influence on the patients. A daily life of Christian living tells as much in China as it does in other places. We have a lot of ungrateful people in China as well as in other places, and yet we have some who are grateful, and who really appreciate what is done for them. This makes up for a lot of the other kind.

Give our love to all of the old friends and the Sunday school children. Write me soon.

Your brother in Christ,

M. D. EUBANK.

#### THE JOURNAL OF THE CHURCH.

February 2, Friday. Regular meeting of the Christian Endeavor society. Business meeting of the Ladies' Benevolent society.

February 4, Sunday. Sermon by the pastor in the morning on "Fires Burning in the Soul" and in the evening the subject was "Is the Lord's Day Out of Date?" Ordinance of baptism.

February 5, Monday. Recital for the benefit of the Central Chinese Mission.

February 6, Tuesday. Meeting of the Girls' Fidelity society.

February 7, Wednesday. Monthly Missionary meeting. Subject, "Witnessing: its Scope and Import."

February 9, Friday. Regular meeting of the Christian Endeavor society.

February 11, Sunday. The Pastor's morning subject was "The Fateful Journey of a King," and his evening subject, "Hypocrites in High Places: The Problem of Business Honesty."

February 13, Tuesday. Illustrated lecture on



"The Yellowstone Park," under the auspices of the Men's League.

February 14, Wednesday. Regular prayer meeting and social service.

February 16, Friday. Meeting of the District Committee and the Ladies' Benevolent society. Regular meeting of the Christian Endeavor society.

February 18, Sunday. The Pastor's morning subject was "The Central Principle of Our Faith" and his evening subject, "The Slum and the Palace: The Problem of Poverty."

February 20, Tuesday. Meeting of the Girls' Fidelity.

February 21, Wednesday. Regular prayer meeting.

February 23, Friday. Meeting of the Christian Endeavor society.

February 25, Sunday. Morning sermon by Rev. Cornelius Woelfkin, of New York; in the evening the Pastor preached on the subject "Our Next Door Neighbor: The Problem of Social Service."

February 26, Monday. Meeting of the Amoret

Henson Guild.

February 28, Wednesday. Meeting of the Young Ladies' Missionary society at the home of Miss Florence Raymond. Regular monthly Covenant meeting.

### CHANGES IN MEMBERSHIP.

#### ADDITIONS.

By Baptism—

Mrs. E. G. Johnson, 3105 Calumet Ave.

By Letter—

Miss Mary E. Laidlaw, 3119 So. Park Ave.

Mrs. Theresia R. Tichy, 2954 Emerald Ave.

Wm. J. Liddy, 53 Douglas Place.

Mrs. W. J. Liddy, 53 Douglas Place.

Leslie W. Liddy, 53 Douglas Place.

Miss Pearl M. Liddy, 53 Douglas Place.

Miss Henrietta I Hoffman, 52 Woodland Park.

#### DIMINUTIONS.

By Letter—

Mrs. E. G. Downe.

By Death—

Mrs. Wm. C. Miller.

## The Pastor's Message.

The church, in calling as assistant to the pastor at the Home Church, Rev. R. R. Kennan of Minneapolis, has been, I trust, divinely guided. Mr. Kennan is a man of quiet and dignified presence, a steady worker, and a faithful minister of Jesus Christ. He has had success in the churches which he has served, the last of these being the First Free Baptist Church of Minneapolis, where he has been for some six years; and he holds the steadfast esteem and confidence of those who know him and his work. He will begin his duties with us the middle of March. Let us give him a First Church welcome.

The new directory of the church has been printed without expense to us. The advertisements will not only pay all the expenses of publication, but will yield a surplus of perhaps one hundred dollars for the Men's League reading-room. Mr. Vallette has done an immense amount of work, cheerfully and without reward—except our hearty thanks—in preparing the directory. One hundred and fifty copies have been printed with blank pages interleaved, for the use of the church officers and district committees.

The number of calls made by these same district committees during last month was exceedingly encouraging. The last two meetings, one of the chairmen and the other of the full organization, were most interesting. The reports of work accomplished gladdened the hearts of all. More and more we realize the great opportunity which lies before these committees. More and more are we grateful for the practical results of their loyalty and devotion.

The new committee of the Men's League, the Welcome Committee, is now thoroughly organized for work, under the generalship of Mr. Arthur. The aim of these men will be to co-operate with the ushers, especially at the evening service, in making strangers feel at home

amongst us. Some churches are veritable refrigerators. Some on the other hand are rather too warm, too gushing and effusive. The number of the latter is not great, it must be confessed; and after all it is better to glow radiantly than to freeze solid. We owe a large duty to the stranger within our gates. The special service of ushers and committees does not lessen one whit the necessity for active effort on the part of all of us. If you find a stranger sitting near you next Sunday, and you turn from that stranger to greet a friend you are missing an opportunity that you ought to thank God for, that you ought to embrace instantly and eagerly.

Last year several people were baptized and entered into joyous fellowship with our church as a direct result of the fine work accomplished by the Volunteer Committee of the Christian Endeavor Society. That was glorious. And that committee also is now at work.

The congregations both morning and evening have been larger during the past six months than ever before since I came here as your pastor. One of the things that gives me constant delight is the fact that so many people who do not belong to our church come quite regularly to our evening services, and listen throughout with absorbed interest. A large number of these have expressed to me personally their love for our church, and the joy they have in engaging with us in the worship of God.

AUSTEN K. DE BLOIS.

### OUR MISSIONARY YEAR.

The missionary year of our national societies closes March 31st. These last are always strenuous days, both with the secretaries and with the churches.

The Home Mission Society began the current



year with \$38,000 indebtedness. With the unusual development in the west because of the prosperous times and with the incoming of 3000 foreigners every day it has been absolutely necessary to enlarge very greatly the missionary working force.

The offerings from the churches during the year have been larger than for the same period last year but the income from legacies has fallen off very considerably. We are today \$21,000 behind as compared to last year at this time. This means that we will be \$60,000 in debt March 31st unless the membership of our churches gives \$60,000 more for Home Missions during March 1906 than they gave during March 1905. This statement is itself an appeal of the strongest sort to every church—to every individual—to every Sunday School and to every society of young people. To close with such a debt would be nothing short of a calamity. This need not be. This will not be, provided every member and every organization within our churches will do the utmost possible for this great national work before March 31st. All moneys for this work should be in my hands by noon of March 31st. JUDSON B. THOMAS, District Secretary.  
324 Dearborn St.

### CONFERENCE ON EVANGELISM.

JOHN M. MOORE.

The three days conference on evangelism held Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, February 26-28 was all that had been anticipated and more. Certainly there has been nothing in connection with our evangelistic efforts in the last two years which approached this conference in power and inspiration and those who have been here longer say that it promises greater things than anything else Chicago Baptists have done in behalf of evangelism for ten years or longer. The results of such a conference as this may not be immediate but they will be permanent. It is not that our hearts have been stirred by rousing addresses to a temporary enthusiasm which when it has passed will leave us worse off than before. Rather our lives have been gripped by truth as men who had been in communion with God came forth from the secret place to tell us their vision. Some of us have had our vision too and will bring it to others. And thus without the artificial expedients so often resorted to in such work and on such occasions which always disappoint in the end we have been brought face to face with God. His truth has gripped our lives. We cannot be the same men and women again. If we are disobedient to the heavenly vision we shall be far worse. If we yield ourselves to the service of the Christ who has now been made so real to us and brought so near we shall see such gracious tokens of the Spirit's presence in our work in

time to come as we had almost ceased to hope were possible.

It is impossible in the space at our disposal to attempt even a brief outline of the addresses given without misrepresenting them. General statements must suffice. Two things characterized the program from beginning to end and made it almost unique. In the first place it was almost wholly a program of Bible exposition. The Word of God was given the place to which it is entitled. Again the committee did not yield to the temptation always present when there are large resources upon which to draw for sermons and addresses and overload the program. There were but two addresses scheduled for any session even though three hours were allotted to it. That gave time for devotion and informal discussion from the floor. Moreover it was felt to be so desirable that the Spirit should lead that speakers did not hesitate to change their subjects from those announced if it seemed good to do so. The program throughout was flexible and gave large place to the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Expositions of the Word were given by Pastor Morris of the North Shore Church on John vi; by Professor Burton of the Divinity School on Galatians v: 13-26; by Pastor Moore of the Centennial Church on the prayers of Paul in Ephesians; by Pastor Bryce of the Fourth Church on 1 John iii; and by Pastor Vaughan of Janesville, Wis., on John xvii. Dr. Chivers, field secretary of the Home Mission Society, was present at most of the sessions and delivered one address of great power on the parallel between Christ's ministry of revelation and redemption and ours as indicated in His words, "As thou Father hast sent me into the world even so send I them."

Dr. Woelfkin, who is giving his whole time under the direction of the Home Mission Society to the development and promotion of the evangelistic spirit among the churches of the north, delivered six addresses which I shall not attempt to report. They simply gripped our hearts and lives and held them before God, while the Spirit of God should do His work. They were thoughtful and thought-provoking, stimulating, searching. Dr. Woelfkin's manner is most pleasing, not dogmatic but authoritative, quiet but convincing. He is exerting a tremendous influence upon the ministry of our Baptist churches. May God abundantly bless him.

One session was given into the hands of Messrs. Griffith, Rees and Michael, Welshmen now conducting evangelistic services in this city. Mr. Griffith is a seer and a prophet. He preached a sermon on Isaiah's vision which no one present will ever forget. He spoke with authority and one had no doubt as he listened that here was a man who himself had seen "the Lord bligh and lifted up." Mr. Rees is by profession a lawyer but is now giving himself to evangelistic work. He had exceptional opportunities



studying the Welsh revival having been in the midst of it and participated in its great meetings. In choicest diction and with most gracious manner he told again the story that we do not tire of hearing of the revival that has put heart into Christian work and hope into Christian hearts everywhere. Mr. Michael is a singer with a voice of rare sweetness and power. In addition to his solos the trio together with Pastor Jones of Chicago rendered some of the famous Welsh hymns. It was a great meeting. We were on the mount of vision. At its close a little meeting of pastors was conducted by Dr. Woelfkin which was to those who attended a time to be remembered. Some thirty men were present and the greater part of the time was spent upon their knees and even upon their faces before God in confession and supplication. The churches will surely see the influence of this meeting this spring in their pastor's sermons and work.

The singing was an important part of the conference throughout. The book used by Torrey and Alexander in their great meetings was found admirably adapted to the meetings and under the leadership of Prof. Towner of the Moody Institute and his associates the singing was a feature of the conference.

Pastor Boynton and his people entertained the conference with characteristic grace and hospitality. It is not reflecting upon other churches to say that there is not one in the city where the conference would have found a better atmosphere or more gracious hospitality. They know how to do such things at Lexington avenue and they do them right.

The attendance from outside the city was good and the influence of the conference will thus be extended. Most of the local pastors were present at most of the sessions. Many of the other workers in church and Sunday school were in attendance.

It is hoped that whatever we have done or have not done this winter in behalf of evangelism that all our churches will gird themselves for special effort this spring. It is the day of God's power. May he find a willing people through whom to manifest his power.

## BAPTIST MISSIONARY TRAINING SCHOOL.

### SILVER ANNIVERSARY.

Notwithstanding the rain storm the Women's Mission Union held a large and interesting meeting at the Training School, 2411 Indiana Ave., on February 13. Many ladies took occasion to visit the home in the afternoon, learning of its work, its students, its curriculum, and prospects.

### THE RECEPTION DINNER.

About 700 tickets had been taken; and over 600 people filled the large dining hall of Immanuel Church, where an excellent meal was served, and a delightful social time was en-

joyed. Suburban churches were largely represented as well as those of the city.

Mrs. John Nuveen, president of the Union, happily spoke of the work of the Union, and introduced Dr. Johnston Myers as toast-master.

The Immanuel Quartette rendered some interesting selections of music. Dr. Myers said, those of us living near the Training School love it; know its work, its importance and its possibilities.

Mrs. Crouse, in California, sent the following telegram: "I am with you in spirit; may the day bring large results."

### THE RETROSPECT.

Dr. E. B. Hulbert spoke felicitously of the meeting in Indianapolis, Ind., in May, 1881, when the Training School was organized; and of how he appeared before the first class of 16 young women—12 missionaries and 4 recruits—in miserable rooms at 2338 Michigan Ave., in September, 1881. He has taught every class during these 25 years, and he knows they like him better than any other teacher, for they have told him so—as they have told every other teacher, they were the best.

In 1890 the property was secured at 2411 Indiana Ave., having good rooms, parlors, kitchen, etc. In 1892 this splendid property was enlarged, refitted, furnished and equipped. Then scholars filled the rooms, crowded classes: rooms were rented outside, students were stored away two and three in a room, in closets and trunks; till students had to be turned away, so rapidly did the school grow in equipment and numbers.

The curriculum began with a four months' course; and then was extended to a one year's course; and then changed to two years.

Students are required to give their lives for two years, a higher requirement than other schools. The courses were enriched by other studies and lectures.

### THE SCHOOL'S CITY WORK.

Mrs. J. Q. A. Henry, who was present at the organization of the school in Indianapolis, 25 years ago, said, the school ever had the Christ-like air of soul-saving and character-training; its mission was spiritual rather than social. It now has 700 students working for Christ in various parts of the country.

It was well located in Chicago—a commercial, educational and social center. Pastors, professors and physicians have regularly given instructions and lectures to these classes.

These 78 students give three half-days each week to Christian work in the city, conducting sewing schools, boys' clubs, mothers' meetings, temperance circles; visiting homes, hospitals, and sick rooms. Such Christian workers in the dark sections of our city are mightier forces for good than policemen.

Judge Mack has said we need 1,000 women



to go into the homes of our city to teach mothers order, cleanliness and morals. 1300 children—dependents and delinquents—passed through the Juvenile Court in 1905; often 125 in one day.

Great temptations beset the paths of children in cigarettes, yellow literature, bill board pictures, and evil associations.

Our school does preventive work; teaching cleanliness, goodness, temperance and industrial habits to mothers and children.

These young women visit homes among the Poles, Italians, Bohemians, Negroes, and other nationalities, bringing love and sympathy and cheer.

Dr. Myers spoke tender and appreciative words of Mrs. Morris, so long the head of the school, and whose picture fittingly graced the platform, and whose character and life are benedictions to all.

#### OUR STUDENTS IN THEIR FIELDS.

Miss Mary Burdette, for many years closely identified with Mrs. Morris in the school, said: We have had 700 students, 400 of these have taken the full course; and 300 have been employed as Christian workers in our home land and on mission fields; 80 have married, and many of these are the wives of ministers and missionaries. They do not all get married. 133 are missionaries in United States, 9 in Mexico, 45 in Europe.

Six work among the Chinese, 13 among the Indians, 25 in the south as teachers in colored schools, in mills, and mining populations, 24 are church and Sunday School missionaries, 8 have official positions, 2 work among the immigrants at the wharves and stations, and others in a Foundlings' Home. Thus the Training School is elevating and blessing our civilization in the most needy and neglected sections.

Miss E. Church, preceptress of the Training School, said: Our school welcomes all Christian women, seeking training for Christ's service in any department or field of labor. The courses of instruction are broad and varied; thus preparing these young women as missionaries for Europe, Africa, Asia, the Philippines, Mexico, or for our home land. Full courses are needed to do the best service in visiting the hovels of the poor, the cabins of the Negroes, the wigwams of the Indians, the bungalows of the Chinese, the kindergarten in the slums and the sick in Porto Rico. Knowledge is required in sanitation in nursing, in domesticity, in morals and in Christian truth and life.

It needs discipline in Christ-like virtues—love, sympathy, patience, truth and goodness.

#### THE NEW BUILDING.

The treasurer, Mrs. A. H. Barber, gave an encouraging report of the new building enterprise, which is to cost \$100,000. A site has been purchased on the N. E. corner of 30th St., and

Vernon Ave., for \$22,000. Monies received from all sources \$23,885.33. From Chicago \$3,461.08, and it is expected \$25,000 will be raised in the Chicago Association. Several churches have now raised their apportionment; others are now raising funds.

\$75,000 are yet required for the new building. The committee is now working upon the plans; it is hoped building will begin in May, and that the structure will be completed in October. Pres. Mrs. Nuveen said: "Every heart is stirred to raise money for this new building. Our Union—Home and Foreign Societies—helps all fields in this work."

Dr. de Blois said, he had the honor of being professor of theology in this school, and his theme, "Prophetic Vision," suggested that it would be very difficult to foretell what a professor of theology would teach twenty-five years hence. "In these days we are seeing visions, and dreaming dreams; and some of them are nightmares. Mrs. Eddy says, 'Thought is causation,' would that it were so; then would we here remain and think all night to see this new building rise. But in prophetic vision I see a 'castle in the air' coming down and becoming brick and mortar and stone. I see the new building rising in solidity and grandeur for its noble work of lifting up our civilization."

A lady from the floor said the Fourth Church had raised \$400. Dr. Myers said, with all their debts, to his surprise, Immanuel Church had raised \$2,800; and he appealed for a large and stately building. We can raise this money.

The Board will receive funds on the *Annuity plan*, paying the donor interest during life; thus you will have a sure income and your money will rear this building, doing abiding work for Christ, a noble monument for your life.

Considering the stormy night, the very large attendance, the deep interest, the inspiring reports of the work, and the splendid building—so soon to be a reality—it was the most marvelous meeting Chicago has seen for many a day. It practically assures the new building, and that Mother Eddy, was not so far off in stealing the ancient philosopher's idea, "Mind moves matter."

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#### BAPTIST EMPHASIS.

*The Standard* is publishing some exceedingly interesting papers these days. The Baptist who does not read its columns weekly is missing some of the finest things ever published in the Baptist press. In the series of articles on "New Solutions of Old Church Problems" it is printing some of the most helpful, practical papers ever set before the Baptist people.

At the Chicago Association last fall there was read a remarkable paper by Dr. B. A. Greene, of Evanston. The paper, entitled "Pres-



ent Day Emphasis for Future Day Baptists," created a wide spread interest at the time. Dr. Green has revised this and it is appearing in *The Standard* at this time. Everybody will want to read it. Everybody will want to read, too, the discussion of Dr. Foster's new book. You cannot get along without *The Standard* if you want to be abreast of the times.

### AN HISTORICAL SKETCH OF THE HYDE PARK BAPTIST CHURCH, CHICAGO.

*By the Pastor, Dr. Jno. L. Jackson.*

By request the following historical sketch of the Hyde Park Baptist church is made for the readers of the Baptist Record:

Before the formal organization there had been various movements looking toward the establishment of a church in this vicinity. In 1868-1869 prayer meetings were held in different Baptist homes. At one time a canvass was made of Hyde Park and Kenwood, when it was

In April two preliminary meetings were held. In May, 1874, the organization was completed with eighteen constituent members, of whom are still with us—Mrs. N. Barnes, Mrs. D. A. Pierce, Mrs. S. T. Bowen and Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Pratt. The first one baptized into the church was Mrs. Julia McAdams, who continued in its membership until her death.

At the organization of the church Rev. E. E. Bayliss was chosen pastor and continued his work until March 8, 1875. The church then numbered twenty-five. Rev. James Goodman was called in March, 1875, and after two years of faithful service resigned in April, 1877. At the close of his pastorate the membership was forty-four. After serving several other churches Mr. Goodman returned to make Hyde Park his home. He is at present an honored and loved member of this church.

Dr. J. B. Jackson was called to the pastorate on April 8, 1878. His coming was a great inspiration to the little church. He has the honor of the longest pastorate in the history of the so-



*The Hyde Park Baptist Church.*

found that there were thirty-six Baptists in that territory. Most of them, however, belonged to churches in the city and were not ready to withdraw their letters to form an independent body.

In November, 1873, Rev. Edward Ellis, pastor at Englewood, with Brethren Vail and Thearl, visited Hyde Park and encouraged the Baptists to push forward the work of the denomination in this region. It was partly as a result of their labors that the organization was finally effected.

ciety, retiring on account of ill health September 17, 1883. The membership at the close of his pastorate was fifty-four. After his resignation he and his family still remained in active membership with the church. His son, Mr. Mason Jackson, became one of the leaders in every good work. He gave his money, his time, his strength, to the task of erecting the new edifice. He counted not his life dear that he might advance the interests of the church he loved so well.



Dr. J. B. Jackson was succeeded in the pastorate by Rev. W. C. Carr, who was called December 3, 1883, and continued until April 5, 1886. He was succeeded on December 15, by Rev. T. W. Powell. He introduced new plans of work and awakened in the church new spiritual life. One hundred and twenty-five members were added during his ministry, improvements on the church property to the amount of \$4,000 were made, an old debt of \$500 was paid and the church entered a new era of prosperity.

After four years of most devoted service he resigned and was succeeded by Rev. John R.



*John L. Jackson, D. D.*

Gow, who was called in April, 1891. At the beginning of Mr. Gow's ministry the church was greatly encouraged and strengthened by the incoming of a large number of members from the new University of Chicago, which had recently been established in this part of the city. It was during his pastorate also that the agitation for a new church began. He entered with enthusiasm and the spirit of true leadership into the plans for enlarged usefulness. The last meeting in the old church was held on November 25, 1894, and until the new chapel was ready, services were held in Rosalie Hall. Mr. Gow resigned on July 1, 1895.

Between the time of his departure and the beginning of the present pastorate there was an interregnum of sixteen months. It was, however,

a period of most historic endeavor on the part of the church. Without a home and without a pastor, the membership devoted themselves to the work of building their chapel, and in the midst of great sacrifices and great rejoicing they had the satisfaction of witnessing the dedication of the building on February 9, 1896.

During this time the pulpit was supplied by members of the church and by Dr. N. S. Burton, who for several months was the very acceptable acting pastor. In November, 1896, Rev. J. L. Jackson, the present minister, began his service. The congregation was then worshipping in the lower room of the chapel. On December 26, 1897, the upper room was finished and the first service held.

Dr. Jackson is now in the tenth year of his pastorate, during which time 1065 new members have been received into the church. When he began his ministry in Hyde Park the membership was 300. It is now 858.

In 1897 Dr. Wm. R. Harper became superintendent of the Sunday school. Under his administration new methods of instruction have been introduced, the school has been graded with examinations and promotions. This great and good man inaugurated a new era in Bible School work not only for us but for the church universal.

The financial history of the church is a most honorable record of wise financiering and heroic sacrifice that may well fill our hearts with thanksgiving.

Immediately after its organization plans were made for the erection of a suitable building in which to meet for worship. A lot was leased, which was afterwards purchased, and on this they proceeded to build a church at a cost of \$1,800. Mr. Stephen Bowen subscribed the first \$100. This property was on Madison avenue and Fifty-fourth street and was the home of the Hyde Park Baptist church for twenty years.

Whatever this congregation may accomplish in the future, it will never outdo in patient toil and in real self-denial the work of those brave pioneers. After twenty years of trial and triumph they began to feel that they might rest from their arduous labors, when suddenly they were confronted with a new and difficult problem. The founding of the University of Chicago in Hyde Park awakened new hopes and imposed new duties. Would they be willing to leave their quiet church home on Madison avenue and move into a less populous neighborhood near the University, where they might more effectively carry on their work? Would they, with their small membership and their limited means, attempt to erect a large and commodious edifice which could serve the denomination for a century? They settled the problem by selling their property, seeking a new location and planning the erection of a structure which would involve an outlay of more than \$100,000.



A lot was secured on Woodlawn avenue and Fifty-sixth street at a cost of \$12,000. For the time being the church confined itself to the erection of a chapel and its completion so far as to prepare the first floor for Sunday school work and preaching services. It was found that this would require an outlay of \$22,500, not including furnishing. To the task of raising this money and of pushing this work the church now devoted itself. On August 9, 1895, the first excavation was made. On September 1 the cornerstone was laid by Mr. W. H. Potter, the chairman of the building committee. On February 7, 1896, the first meeting was held in the building. On February 9 the chapel was dedicated, Dr. P. S. Henson preaching the sermon.

This first large expenditure was provided for in the following manner: \$3,300 was received from the sale of a portion of the property on Madison avenue; \$10,200 was raised by subscription; \$4,220 was given on dedication day.

The congregation had scarcely settled itself in the new chapel when it began to realize that the lower floor was not large enough for the growing demands of the church and Sunday school. Then, with a courage equal to the emergency, the church began to count the cost of finishing the upper room of the chapel. A meeting of the officers of the church and others was called in the north parlor. It was thought that the room could be finished at a cost of \$10,000. On the recommendation of this meeting the church voted to accept this new obligation, and immediately began the task of completing the chapel. On December 26, 1897, the upper room was opened for services. It was found that the entire cost, including furnishing, heating and ventilating, was \$12,899.27.

In December, 1900, began the movement toward the erection of the main auditorium. On an auspicious Sunday morning in April, 1901, \$40,000 was subscribed which was afterward raised to over \$65,000. The subscriptions were made payable during a period of five years— which time the church allowed itself to complete the new edifice. On the first Sunday in 1906 the church assembled in its new auditorium to dedicate it to the worship and service of Almighty God. The portion of the building used then for the first time cost \$80,000. The total value of the property including real estate and furnishings is \$134,687.

#### CHICAGO BAPTIST HOSPITAL.

3419 Rhodes Ave.

The Hospital has held its annual corporation and board meetings, and filed away its annual reports. The officers elected are Francis M. Buck, president; A. K. de Blois, and A. G. Lester, vice-presidents; James P. Thoms, secretary; C. J. Ward, treasurer. Mrs. C. R. Williams and Mrs. R. R. Donnelly were elected directors

for three years. The following are the standing committees, viz.—

*Finance Committee.*—A. E. Wells, chairman, C. H. Marshall, E. S. Conway, John Nuveen, C. J. Ward.

*House Committee.*—S. J. Shever, Chairman, John Leslie, and Mrs. C. R. Williams.

*Training School Committee.*—Chas. M. Roe, chairman, C. J. Ward, and Mrs. R. R. Donnelly.

*Religious Work Committee.*—Johnston Myers, chairman, and A. K. de Blois.

*Auditing Committee.*—A. G. Lester, chairman Geo. H. Shorney, and A. M. Searles.

*Press Committee.*—James P. Thoms.

Mr. Joseph Purvis is the efficient superintendent, and Miss J. Royan, head nurse and principal of Training School.

*The Medical Staff* is Drs. H. Gideon Wells, R. A. Letourneau, Jas. H. Stowell, J. C. Delprat, Frank Wieland, Jas. A. Harvey, W. L. Baum, John Leeming, Chas. H. Lader, F. Menge, Robt. Dodds. Other appointments will be made, until we have a full staff of twenty-one physicians.

The Hospital has returned to its old plan of having two ladies on the Board of Directors.

As a lady is on the House Committee, and another on the Training School Committee, the women are thus brought into co-operation with the two important departments of hospital work, viz.: the house and the nurses. The women have a large and efficient organization; and have done much in the way of refurnishing, out-fitting and securing supplies. They are now planning larger things for the efficiency of the hospital in these two departments; and Mrs. Williams and Mrs. Donnelly are very capable leaders.

The Finance Committee have important work before them, in changing and refitting the hospital plant for more effective service.

There are two ways in which we can all aid the hospital. First, use all our influence to have patients go to the Baptist Hospital. Tell your friends and physicians of it, and of its good work; thus, keeping it full of good paying patients.

Second, send money and supplies to replenish the rooms and the larder. Send, good Christian girls—21 years of age—to become nurses; it is a noble profession. There are about 40 nurses in the school at present. A new house, as a home for nurses, is greatly needed at the present time; and it is hoped some one will found by a liberal gift a Nurses' Home.

The hospital hopefully enters into the large work before it, believing a loving God is at the helm.

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I had rather suffer from speaking the truth, than that the truth should suffer for want of my speaking.—John Pym.



## Chicago Baptist Young People.

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*Chicago Association*—President, Geo. H. Norton; Vice-President, M. V. Morton; Secretary, R. G. Stronach; Treasurer, B. F. Kelley.

*District Presidents*.—West Side—L. V. Dorr; North Side—W. J. Vollmer; South Side—Harry Hillman; Englewood—E. C. Robinson.

Every B. Y. P. U. in the Chicago Association was included in the general interchange of leaders on B. Y. P. U. day, Sunday, February 11. The total attendance was 2,985, distributed as follows:

West Side—968

North Side—938

South Side—640

Englewood—439

Seven hundred young people attended the joint rally of all the districts of the Chicago Association held at the Central Y. M. C. A. auditorium Monday, February 12.

The song service was led by Mr. Morton. Mr. Robert Fullerton was soloist.

Able addresses were delivered by Rev. John Balcom Shaw, D. D., pastor of the Second Presbyterian Church of Chicago, and Rev. U. S. Davis, D. D., of Bloomington, Ill.

Resolutions were adopted as follows:

Believing the saloon to be an unmitigated evil and that it ought to be eventually absolutely abolished; and believing as stated by the Supreme court of the United States that undoubtedly 75 per cent of the crime in our country is directly traceable to the liquor traffic; and believing that the necessity of additional police protection is due to the saloon and that they ought to bear this additional expense their existence makes necessary; Therefore, be it resolved by this assembly of Baptist Young People of Chicago: That we urge and we do urge our Honorable Mayor and City Council to increase the license fee of saloons in Chicago to \$1,000.00, so that they may at least partially pay the added expense they make necessary by virtue of their existence and that we urge any action tended to curtail their number and influence and any which will have in view their ultimate extinction.

Signed—Geo. H. Norton, Pres.  
R. G. Stronach, Sec'y.

Don't forget the Young People's Assembly to be held at Springfield, Ill., this summer. About 80 pledges were given for the assembly at the supper held in the Cafe Lakota, preceding the City Rally, Feb. 12. If you don't know anything about this assembly you want to wake up. Ask your president and if he doesn't know tell him to find out.

## WEST SIDE DISTRICT.

The Conference of February 10 held at Western Ave Church, will long be remembered by the West Side Young People as one of our best gatherings both socially and spiritually.

Miss de Clercq conducted the conference on Devotional work giving many practical suggestions regarding the selection of leaders. She spoke of the way in which so many leaders were called upon to take subject entirely contrary to their own lives and urged that the devotional committees take more care to select leaders and subjects which harmonized.

Rev. Moore followed with a talk on "The Preparation of leader of Subject." Mr. Moore said that every devotional meeting should have a definite aim, and objective point toward which everything should bend. He told of a plan for accomplishing this—to meet the leaders of the coming month's meetings and carefully study each lesson, choosing some aim for each. In this way there would be five or six persons working toward one end. A lively discussion followed. Great emphasis was laid upon the necessity of a prayer circle in every union in the district. God speed the day when this shall be true.

Following this class Dr. Kirtley conducted a model sacred literature class. Dr. Kirtley knows how to make such a class interesting and we hope that some of our young people were inspired to go home and start one.

Supper was served to nearly two hundred and fifty people. The young people of Western Ave. deserve much credit for the delicious meal and the dainty service. The after dinner speaking was in charge of Mr. Meacham. Mr. Meacham staked his chance to ever smile again on the success of that afterdinner "laugh." Mr. Meacham has another year to smile.

In the evening Prof. Moulton delivered his famous recital of "Job" to about seven hundred young people. The Austin First choir and Western Ave. quartette rendered two fine selections.

Mr. Webb says that the West Side District is one of the finest in the country! Take courage West Siders, there's much work ahead.

### B. Y. P. U. Day.

Sunday, Feb. 11, was observed as B. Y. P. U. Day by a complete interchange of leaders. A census was taken showing there were 932 young people present at devotional services that evening on the West Side.

Following is the schedule as carried out showing number at each union:

Austin First—Leader, Work Committee. Service lead by Miss Kelly, Tabernacle, 73.

Austin Ave.—Leader, Mr. Charles Brandenberger—Second—35.

Berwyn—Leader, Mr. H. W. Ralph, Western Ave.—45.

Clyde—Leader, Miss Dorr, Berwyn—40.

Centennial—Leader, Dr. Janson—40.



Elgin 1st—Leader, Mr. Frank Pierce, Wheaton  
 —70.  
 Fourth—Leader, Miss Frizzell, Maywood—80.  
 Garfield Park—Leader, Miss de Clercq, Centennial—30.  
 Grace—Leader, Mr. J. Dittus, Trinity—70.  
 Maywood—Leader, Miss Eaton, Oak Park—25.  
 Messiah—Leader, Miss Warren, Tabernacle—  
 43.  
 Millard Ave.—Leader, Mr. Gay Easton, Austin Ave.—30.  
 Oak Park 1st—Leader, Mr. Geo. Norton, Berwyn—43.  
 Second—Leader, Mrs. D. C. Brady, Austin 1st—75.  
 Tabernacle—Leader, Miss Varnell, Garfield Park—35.

Trinity—Leader, Mr. A. Becker, Grace—46.  
 Western Ave.—Leader, Mr. Geo. Cassell, Messiah—84.  
 Wheaton—Leader, Mr. Wm. Teal, Elgin—43.  
 La Grange—(No interchange)—36.  
 Monday, Feb. 12 a large number from the West Side attended the dinner at Cafe Lakota and the Mass Rally of the City in the evening at the Y. M. C. A. auditorium.

The Work Committee has held two services this month—Austin 1st a B. Y. P. U. service, Miss Kelly leading and Garfield Park, complete services.

#### NORTH DIVISION B. Y. P. U.

If your society has not been out to our rallies, it is missing the best meetings ever held in the history of the division.

A number of people requested prayer and there were several conversions at the rally held at Belden Ave. Church. A large number of young people were present, two societies brought over one hundred each.

A pleasant rivalry over the banner has arisen between the Galilee and Maplewood societies, their percentages being almost even. Galilee took home the banner for the third time, and hopes to bring it home from Irving Park rally, March 20th, unless you are there with a very large delegation, which would please the Galileans more than to win the banner.

The division should be proud of the record they made in B. Y. P. U. attendance February 11, there being 918 young people present at the various meetings. The First Swedish Church deserves honorable mention for their attendance of about 400.

If you are having anything delightful or helpful your press committee would be glad to know of it that the good things may be passed on to others.

Galilee expects to celebrate the 14th anniversary of Mr. D. C. Henshaw's pastorate on March 4. All friends of the church are in-

vited. The services will be held at 2:30 p. m., at the church, corner Wellington and Robey Sts.  
 LILLIAN D. ALCOTT, Press Committee.

#### NORTH SIDE.

1605 N. Hamilton Ave.

Miss Erickson from the Baptist Training School gave a very interesting talk at the Rogers Park Church recently. Rogers Park B. Y. P. U. is helping to support a young lady at the training school who is fitting herself for missionary work in Central America. Rogers Park B. Y. P. U. reports two conversions in the past month.

#### SOUTH SIDE.

The Work Committee meeting for February was held at the Bethany Church.

Bethel B. Y. P. U. had the largest delegation to the City Rally Feb. 12. Sixty young people attended.

Work Committee services for March will be held at West Pullman and for April at Windsor Park.

Two hundred and fifty young people attended the South Side Rally held at the South Chicago Baptist Church, Feb. 8. A delightful program was furnished and good things to eat was furnished by the young ladies of South Chicago. A good warm greeting was given by Rev. C. F. Vreeland, pastor of South Chicago Church and an address by Rev. O. C. Wheeler, pastor Bethel Church.

Special music was furnished by the South Chicago Choir.

The presidents of each local union are requested to send items of interest to the editor each month.

#### ENGLEWOOD DISTRICT.

Don't forget the April Social to be held at the Washington Park Society at 55th and State Sts. Attraction—Clyde Newman, the chalk talker. You must hear him, he is all right.

Let the president of every local union send items of interest to the district president.

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BY THE REV. CHARLES STEZLE.

It can be done. I know it because I have tried it. I should never have attempted it, however, if I had not been forced, under these limitations, to demonstrate the possibilities in a particular field. After the demonstration there was no difficulty in getting the money needed. The experience taught me a valuable lesson. Never ask a man for money simply on the argument that a certain kind of work could be done with a large amount of money. A better way is to prove with the means at hand that the work can be done, and that you are the man to do it.

Ministering to the needs of the community in which it is situated—that is the principle upon which the institutional church is operated. By this is meant the needs not supplied by some other helpful agency. For instance, a gymnasium conducted by German infidels is not such an agency. A church conducted for the benefit of the well-to-do need not operate a free dispensary, whatever else it may attempt along institutional lines.

We are more directly concerned, however, with the church that is trying to reach and help the workingman and his family. Such a community can rarely support the costly organization often found in the larger cities, and many eager workers have been discouraged from engaging in this form of Christian service, because of the great expense supposed to be involved in conducting such an enterprise. It is for these workers that this article is written.

## ILLUSTRATED LECTURES.

With the building that is lighted and heated—perhaps with only two rooms—one is ready for the work as outlined below. Few things are more popular than an illustrated lecture course. An admission fee of five cents pays all expenses. In most instances one may secure the lecturers in one's high school or college, and sometimes a preacher or business man in the neighborhood has a lecture on his travels, or on some other

interesting subject. Always remember that it is the personal element that makes the lecture of interest to the people, so if a man can tell the story of his own experience even in a very ordinary way, he may hold his audience better than some others who may have had some supposed advantages over him. Most of the lecturers will give their services voluntarily, and they will be glad of the opportunity to be used when enough volunteers cannot be secured, one may do the lecturing himself. Slides and readings on many subjects can be obtained from supply houses in any large city. One can study the readings so that he need not depend upon it altogether when lecturing.

A song service can be held before each lecture, the hymns being thrown on the canvas. An occasional moving picture entertainment is a good thing, when only the best class of pictures is shown. It is best to examine them one's self, because the average operator has not a very keen sense of what is appropriate for a church.

Ushers and other workers should understand fully just what is expected of them. It is always best to fix the responsibility for every detail. This applies not only to the lecture course, but to every other department. Much must be intrusted to others, because it is a physical impossibility to do everything one's self. As soon as a new department is organized get somebody to take hold of it. Do not wait to find the ideal person. Sometimes a very ordinary worker will develop into a magnificent helper, simply because of his faithfulness, and that is the chief talent.

## USING THE CHILDREN.

Sometimes when a church is situated in a down-town district, and there are in the neighborhood many foreigners and others not sympathetic toward a Protestant church, it is a difficult matter to reach the children through the Sunday School. A "Children's Hour" on a week-day afternoon is useful. A children's choir, recitations by the children, a solo—anything that children can do—will be appreciated. Have them sing hymns—when you can. In a

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Children's Hour that I once conducted, I had the children sing street songs of the best type. They contained sentiment that was helpful, as many popular ballads do, and the children were delighted. Sometimes the worst boy in the neighborhood would sing a popular song, to the great delight of his audience. It did him good, too. He could not be quite so rude after that. I always gave a ten minutes' gospel talk at some time during the meeting, and frequently a friend would come and sing or recite. We soon had twice as many children in this service as in the Sunday school, and they were children who did not ordinarily attend the school.

#### A CONCERT COURSE.

A fine concert course can be arranged, weekly, with singers from the quartette choirs of the city, or from some conservatory of music, where there are always good voices looking for practice. An offer to send a carriage to their homes and to see them safely back is usually all that is needed to secure their services—excepting some tact in telling them what one is trying to do in a musical way for the neighborhood, in order to win their sympathetic interest. Sometimes one may secure an orchestra in the same way. I once secured the best orchestra in a large western city, and gave a fine concert with a ten-cent admission. They were charging seventy-five cents for the same program, every Sunday afternoon, in a down-town theatre, and were playing to an audience of two thousand persons. The musicians' union, at my request, permitted the men to play at a reduced rate. It may be well, sometimes, to alternate weekly between the concert and the lecture.

#### THE BOYS.

During one of my pastorates, I conducted a Boys' Club with a membership of over five hundred, at an expense of only thirty dollars for each year. This paid for some cheap pine tables and some printed matter, some games and a closet in which to keep them. The rooms were open every night except Sunday, and we had an average attendance of one hundred and fifty per evening, although at a weekly entertainment, given by outside friends, we sometimes had an attendance of four hundred newsboys and bootblacks. The editor of the newspaper sold by the boys came down to tell us how a newspaper is made. A college professor talked on "Habits." A surgeon told, simply, of the progress of his art. The possibilities along this line are almost limitless, and there is comparatively no expense. Friends contributed magazines and papers, and were glad to do so.


One may have small groups of boys, led by some interested men and women who have talent—it matters little what so long as it may be made helpful. A knowledge of geology, astronomy, wood carving, printing, music—instrumental or vocal—almost anything that will interest boys. And if one has a passion for one's

talent, it is a comparatively easy matter to interest others. A city history club will be found instructive. Study the beginning of the city's life, its early landmarks, its development, its industries, the various departments of municipal government, the administration of public utilities, etc. Anything that has to do with the life of the city may be investigated by such a club. The most approved plan is the mass club for boys, with the subdivisions suggested above. A penny a week from the boys will usually meet incidental expenses.

What has been suggested for the boys may be done for the girls, only, of course, there should be other employments, which will readily suggest themselves.

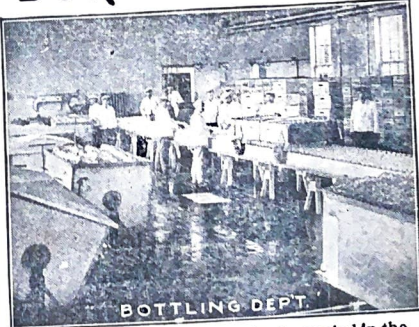
#### SAVINGS BANK AND DISPENSARY.

A Penny Savings Bank is always a helpful enterprise. A bank book is given to each child or grown person, stamps of various denominations indicating the amounts deposited. A complete outfit may be secured from the Provident Association of New York without any charge excepting postage. A few dollars originally invested will keep the bank going indefinitely. Almost every church or mission in the poorer districts of our cities conducts a sewing school. Its expense is comparatively small, and it may be made a very valuable feature of church work. Fifteen dollars, invested at a wholesale drug store, will establish a drug department for a free



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A drum corps can be maintained by the boys themselves. They can manage, in most instances, to pay an instructor a small amount, and until they can afford to purchase drums, a pair of sticks and a piece of rubber will do service. Indeed, for various reasons, it is best that they begin in this modest way.

#### THE GYMNASIUM.

It is a mistaken policy to continually offer privileges to any class without requiring some service or self-help. This of itself is an educative feature that is most valuable. I once had a Young Men's Club which was limited to ten members. They were all employed in factories near the church. The boys wanted a gymnasium. I told them that I would provide them with a room, if they would manufacture some of the material necessary for fitting up the gymnasium, and that I would help them in the matter of purchasing other material which they could not afford to buy. They soon had a simple outfit and I had contributed only about ten dollars. The boys appreciated it far more than if it had been given them outright, and it was a pleasure to see how affectionately they regarded every part of that crude gymnasium. It was their own—purchased at a real sacrifice. The moral and mental discipline acquired through this effort was of more value than any physical training they might have received in a more elaborate gymnasium.

#### CLUBS.

One may organize many kinds of clubs for all ages and for both sexes. Whether they are self-supporting or not, they should in most instances be self-governing. A club spirit among the people will give the work a strong *esprit de corps* which is very desirable in any kind of enterprise.

A literary society for the young people will prove an inspiration. A flower mission may be conducted at practically no expense to the church. In this very beautiful ministry one can easily secure the interest of suburban dwellers who have gardens, the express companies will usually carry, free of charge, the flowers which are sent weekly to the church for distribution. Little girls—perhaps the members of the Girls' Club—will serve as messengers in sending the refreshing bouquets to the sick and the poor.

#### MUSIC.

A lack of money need not keep one from having a mothers' meeting. Music plays a most prominent part in the work of an institutional

church. Why not invite the banjo club, that now meets back of the saloon, to make itself at home in the church? No doubt some of our own young men belong to it. Most churches have a chorus choir. Why not form it into a musical club for the purpose of securing a musical education? It would pay the church to assume all the expenses of such an organization, if for no other reason than that it would give the church a fine company of volunteer singers. But the class may be made nearly self-supporting by charging a small amount for dues.

I appreciate that this matter of making an enterprise self-supporting may be overdone. Making a downtown work self-supporting is not the most important thing in connection with such a work. I am simply trying to show that quite a strong institutional church may be conducted under very great limitations, so far as finances are concerned.

#### THE MOTIVE.

This article is merely suggestive. Many more things can be done than are here outlined. It may not be wise to adopt every suggestion offered, and it may be well to adapt those that are adopted.

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## THE CHURCH AND THE CHARITIES.

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A considerable amount of cheap criticism is often flung against present-day church life, that it is self-centered, seeking only to build itself, and unmindful of the loud appeals for help from the actual social conditions about it. The great charities and philanthropies that are carried on outside of church lines are invidiously compared with the apparently insignificant work the church is doing in the same direction.

Now while it is to be deeply regretted, that because of the unhappy fact of denominationalism, the church is cut up into so many sects and divisions that it cannot father in its own name some of the great and necessary philanthropies of the day, it is not true that the church is either deaf to the calls for help or indifferent to the broad philanthropies that are multiplying so rapidly. When we come to examine who the principal supporters of these charities are, and scan the official boards controlling them and inquire who the most strenuous workers in them are, we find them nearly entirely composed of church members and those members, too, who are most active and earnest in the work of their own local church life. No single branch and no one local church can support all or indeed any of the great charities of the day. However by uniting with those of all other churches in the broad catholic spirit of charity, the great works of benevolence can be sustained. Thus while still separated by unhappy denominational differences, there is a practical church union effected in the cordial co-operation of all creeds in the practice of real christianity. Take it, for instance, in the Presbyterian church alone. It is neither the largest nor the wealthiest of the denominations. But in the year 1905 this church contributed to causes outside of its denominational lines the sum of \$1,745,103. The Presbyterian churches of Chicago gave to these outside causes the sum of \$199,221. This includes all contributions to Bible and Tract societies, hospitals, bureaus of charity, orphan's homes, and other institutions established for the dependent classes.

In Chicago nearly every denomination of any extent has its own hospital, where large charity wards are supported by individual churches, and many beds endowed by individual church members. There is scarcely a worthy charity in the city that does not make its annual appeal to the churches, and in the majority of instances such appeals are met with a generous response. So that, while the church as a distinct organization does not figure so largely on the rolls of the charities, yet without the spirit of charity—taught by the church and the duty to the neighbor impressed by the church and the active help and liberal support of church members, any one of the large benevolent institutions would be badly off and suffer loss even to extinguishment.

## WHICH PURPOSE SHALL BE DOMINANT?

There is a religious life of the sort that seeks to be saved, sweetly saved, wholly saved, joyously saved. Such lives are lost according to Christ's standards, for He said, "Whosoever would save his life shall lose it." On the other hand, there is a religious life of the sort that, in some way, for the Christ's sake, devotes the entire self with the sum of its abilities and resources to the work of so saving the lost as to make them saviours, remembering that no man is really saved until he begins to be a saviour. When that is done a life is found which needs not raise the question of its own salvation.—*Herald.*

If God has called you to be really like Jesus He will draw you into a life of crucifixion and humility, and put upon you such demands of obedience, that you will not be able to follow other people, or measure yourself by other Christians, and in many ways He will seem to let other good people do things which He will not let you do.

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